guidelines in respect of Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme (CCIS) at present. However, the Government had on the basis of the suggestions made by the National Workshop on Crop Insurance held in 1990 issued certain guidelines to various States/U.Ts. in November, 1990 on functioning of State Crop Insurance Funds, seasonality discipline, prevention of delay in settlement of indemnity claims strengthening of crop cutting machinery, deficiencies of crop credit system and role of credit institutions.

Production of oil seeds and pulses

1498. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given any incentives to the small and marginal farmers during 1991-92 for increasing the production of oil seeds and pulses; if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(b) the steps Government propose to take to meet growing demand for pulses and oil seeds with details of present production of such crops in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) For increasing the production of oilseeds and pulses, two Centrally Sponsored Schemes *viz.* Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) and National Pulses Development Programme (NPDP) are being implemented in different States during 1991-92. Under these programmes preference is given to small and marginal farmers and other Weaker sections of the farming community (SC) & (ST) farmers by providing various agricultural inputs at concessional rates.

(b) The production of pulses is estimated at 14.06 million tonnes and that of oilseeds at 19.10 million tonnes during 1990-91. To increase the production of oilseeds and pulses in a given time frame, a mission approach has been adopted to the Tecnology Mission on Cilseeds & Pulses. Programmes have been taken up to tackle the problem from all angles i. e. development of production and processing technology, input support services to the farmers and marketing support. Input support is provided to the farmehs through the implementation of Oilseers Production Programme (OPP) and National Pulses Development Programme (NPDP) which provides financial support for production and distribution of seeds, rhyzobium culture, plant protection chemicals and equipment, improved farm implements, sprinkler sets and gypsum & pyrites distribution. Demonstrations of improved seeds and packages of proctices have also been taken up under these schemes.

Availability of foodgrains

1499. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the per capita availability of foodgrains in the country;

(b) whether it is likely to meet the requirements of the country during the current financial year; and

(c) if not, the manner in which Government propose to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The provisional estimate of net per capita availability of foodgrains in the country for 1991 is 187.07 kgs.

(b) and (c) The stock of foodgrains with the public agencies as